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Local Brevities.

On Tuesday a daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. Alex. Tagg of this city.

The steamer Redondo will bring a cargo of cement from San Francisco to Portland.

A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. John Johnson of Grays River on Monday, August 8.

Moffat & Son report that the steamer Francis H. Leggett has been fixed for a cargo of grain from Portland to San Francisco.

The ten-million-foot raft of plies which left Astoria in tow of the steamer Francis H. Leggett, has reached San Francisco intact and safe.

The schooner Sequoia yesterday finished her lumber cargo at the Hume mill and cleared for San Francisco. She takes away 450,000 feet.

The young people of the Presbyterian church will give a social in the basement of the church, Friday evening, August 12, to which the public is cordially invited.

The Kosmos Steamship Company has launched its new 7540-ton steamer Esne at Hamburg. She will ply in the regular line between Hamburg and Pacific coast ports.

Commencing Monday, August 15, and continuing until September 1, the merchants will keep open their respective places of business until 8 p. m., excepting Saturdays, when they will close at the usual hour.

The force which it at work on the new court house was augmented yesterday by the arrival of 14 men from Portland. August 23 is the date fixed for laying the cornerstone, and the work is being rushed in consequence.

Mariners will be interested in the fact that the South Vallejo beacon, a three-pile structure crossed with slats marking the channel of the best water through Mare Island strait, San Pablo bay, California, has been destroyed by collision. The beacon will be rebuilt as soon as possible.

A new steamer, the Mountain Gem, was launched Wednesday at Lewiston, Idaho, to ply on the upper part of the Snake river. The new steamer takes

the place of the ill-fated steamer Innaha, which was wrecked last fall. The new boat is 125 feet long and of 26 feet beam, equipped with powerful engines and machinery.

Tomcod have made their appearance at Seaside, and an Astoria fisherman who went down yesterday brought back about 10 dozen. He used a dipnet. As yet the fish have not appeared in large numbers in the Columbia, but within a short time the docks will be lined with anglers.

Astorians who now reside at Dawson state, in letters to friends in this city, that there has been a great rush to the Tanana district. A new town, Fairbanks, has sprung up, and hundreds leave Dawson every day for the place. Business is reported to be brisk and people are generally optimistic as to the future of the new district. A telegraph line is in operation between Dawson and Fairbanks. Freight rates between the two places are \$70 a ton.

Will R. Hume was quite badly bruised early yesterday morning while superintending the work of floating the schooner Hind, which had stranded on Desdemona sands. Mr. Hume was standing on a ladder at an elevation above the deck, and when the ladder slipped he fell. One of his legs was badly wrenched, but not fractured, and his nose was bruised. Mr. Hume is able to attend to business, but still suffers from the effects of his fall. Dr. Henderson attended to his injuries.

The schooner Robert R. Hind was floated yesterday morning from Desdemona sands, upon which she grounded while sailing into the harbor. Anchors were placed out and at high water the men floated her by straining on the cable. The stranding did not result in any damage to the vessel, although she was high and dry at low water. The Hind is under charter to take lumber from the Hume mill for San Francisco. She will load about 700,000 feet.

The ladies of the local W. C. T. U. and their friends, instead of the regular meeting of the society on Thursday afternoon of this week, gave a very enjoyable reception at the Baptist church to Mrs. L. J. Trumbull, who has recently returned after nearly two years' absence in Arizona with her invalid daughter. After a time spent in very pleasant conversation, all present, which made a goodly number, were invited to the church basement, where

long tables well filled with the best of eatables both tempted and satisfied the appetite. Mrs. Trumbull was surprised and greatly pleased at the universal and warm expressions of regard from so many friends, but the greater portion of surprise came when, on returning to her home, she found the kitchen table and part of the floor covered with packages and bundles, containing dishes, cooking utensils, towels, groceries and provisions; indeed, about all things necessary for keeping house for herself and lately reunited husband.

R. M. Leathers has laid the keel of Captain John Pickernell's new steamer. The vessel is to be 80 feet in length, of 18 feet beam and 7 feet deep. Mr. Leathers will have her ready for the machinery within 30 days. The cost of the new steamer will be about \$10,000. She will be used on the run to the small towns near Astoria, and will provide Captain Pickernell with two boats. Captain Pickernell is one of the steamboat owners who declined to go into the combination which C. H. Callender has endeavored to form here.

Scores of buildings are being erected in all sections of the city. For the past there has not been a vacant house in Astoria, and in nearly every case property owners who have contemplated building have been asked to lease or rent their houses before the plans were prepared. On account of the rush of work there is healthy demand for carpenters, and the supply is now great enough. The rapid increase in the population of the city has resulted in a general demand for homes, and despite the many new residences which have gone up people are still clamoring for buildings.

C. W. Carnahan, deputy county clerk, yesterday tendered his resignation to County Clerk Clinton, to take effect August 15. Mr. Carnahan attributes rush of personal business to his inability to longer retain the deputyship. Mr. Clinton stated yesterday afternoon that Andrew B. Dalgity had been appointed as Mr. Carnahan's successor. Mr. Dalgity is at present a mail-carrier. He has had considerable experience in clerical matters and is eminently qualified for the place. Mr. Carnahan is now engaged in a big project on the west side. He is one of a company that will build a ditch to drain Cullaby lake. The undertaking is a large one and will require all of the time of Mr. Carnahan.

There was some slight improvement in the run of fish yesterday, but receipts were light at the packing houses and cold storages. The salmon which have been reported in large numbers off the river are now beginning to come into the harbor, and it is expected the supply will increase from this time on. The present falling off in the run proved a great disappointment to packers and fishermen, who would have been able to make up for the shortage had the run held out. The tardy season is surprising to everyone who has studied the habits of the salmon. Even the fish taken yesterday were far from as fully developed as fish usually taken in the month of July. Salmon do not enter the river, as a rule, until they are about ready to spawn, and to this circumstance is attributed the lateness in the season. Better receipts are looked for today.

The west side is now about to enter upon an anti-irrigation project which will do more for that fertile section than anything else which has ever transpired there. The farmers living on Clatsop plains and along the seashore are all interested in the undertaking, which is to be carried on under the supervision of C. W. Carnahan. There is too much water on the west side and the ditch is calculated to drain the country thereabouts. "The ditch will be three miles in length and will probably cost in the neighborhood of \$10,000," said Mr. Carnahan yesterday. "By building this ditch to Skipanon creek we will reclaim about 1,200 acres of land, affording much additional pasturage for our cattle. The ditch can also be used to float timber to tidewater. There is 30,000,000 feet of timber in that vicinity and all of it will go out by way of the ditch. When the improvement is made dairying will increase 300 per cent. At present there is no way in which logs can be got to tidewater from the lake, but the ditch will enable loggers to put timber into Skipanon creek."

Deputy Fish Commissioner Burton, of Washington state, has arrested Albert Lassen and a seining crew at Sand Island for fishing without license. The men are supposed to be in the employ of Charles Davis, of Chinook. Burton claims that the seining outfit has never paid the Washington license, while the men declare that they have taken out license from the Oregon office. The Washington authorities insist that

Sand Island is part of the state of Washington, just as the Oregon officials contend that it is part of this state. It is the same old proposition as to the jurisdiction of the two states. The case will be tried at Chinook before the local justice, but will unquestionably be appealed. Davis has had considerable trouble since he commenced seining operations at Sand Island. He originally leased 100 feet of ground, which was not sufficient. The other seiners then complained that he was encroaching on the ground which they had leased, and a controversy followed. An injunction was issued out of the Washington courts restraining Davis from interfering with the other seiners, but the order was disregarded. Thereupon the seining crew was arrested for violating the injunction, but Davis furnished bonds and continued to fish.

Chief of Police Hallock received a telegram yesterday from Chief of Police Hunt, of Portland, stating that the man who held up L. Larson had been captured in the metropolis. Larson's watch was found in the possession of a man who had been arrested by the police, and through this man the hold-up artist was captured. Chief Hunt's telegram to Chief Hallock said: "Harry Hogue, highwayman, who held up Larson, has been arrested. He admits his guilt. We have the evidence necessary to convict him." Chief Hallock at once wired a reply to the effect that a police officer would go after Hogue and Captain Gammal left last night. He will return with the highwayman today. Hogue is said to have given the watch to another man to sell. This man was rounded up and to the Portland police gave a description of the robber, whom he described as a man of 26 or 22 years of age, and either a half-breed Indian or a half-breed Spaniard. The local police do not know the man by name and can not place him. It is believed he was a stranger here. The police have been very fortunate of late and within the week have recovered two stolen watches. Hogue will be held for highway robbery, conviction for which means a long term in the penitentiary. Portland is now full of thieves of all descriptions, and the police there are kept busy rounding them up. It is supposed Hogue ran down to Astoria to turn the trick, with the expectation of returning to Portland to join the gang.

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PERSONAL MENTION.

F. C. Davis is down from Portland.

O. E. Bennett, of Seattle, is in the city.

H. W. Smith, of Portland, is in the city.

C. F. Butterfield, of Portland, was in the city yesterday.

Mrs. V. A. Stimpson, of North Yakima, Wash., was in the city yesterday.

E. M. Hulton, of Portland, was among yesterday's arrivals at the Occident.

M. J. Kinney is down from Portland for a few days, looking after local interests.

State Senator Herbert Holman was in the city yesterday. He returned to the metropolis on the night train.

William Harder, representing the Great Northern railway, with headquarters at Portland, was in Astoria yesterday. He returned on the night train.

Charles Bacon, of San Francisco, came over from Seaside last evening and left for home on the night train. Mr. Bacon had been at the beach visiting his mother. Mrs. Bacon is an old-time resident of Portland.

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